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COAL INDUSTRY REPORTS PROGRESS

REATE PLAN BY 3,800,000 TONS -- Trud, No 203, 28 Aug 49

The USSR coal industry had mined as of 28 August, Miner's Day 3,800,000 tons of coal above the plan instead of the 3,540,000 tons which they had pledged for the entire year of 1949.

Eleven out of 22 coal combines had achieved and exceeded the level of coal mining planned by the Five-Year Plan for 1950: Rostovugol', Moskvougol', Tulaugol', Molotovugol', Chelyabinskugol', Karagandaugol', Sredazugol', Vostsibugol', Krasnoyarskugol', Primorskugol', and Khabarovskugol'.

The Donets Basin, the mines of which were completely destroyed during the war, has almost achieved its prewar level in coal mining.

The output of workers in the coal industry for the year which has elapsed since the first Miner's Day has increased 14.4 percent.

During the first half of 1949, 37 mechanized mines and coal pits were put into operation and the volume of construction and assembly work increased 35 percent over the first half of 1948.

At present, cutting and blasting are mechanized 98.5 percent, transport of coal to the surface of the mine, 93.3 percent, haulage from the mine, 91 percent, and loading onto freight cars 98.5 percent.

An important technical achievement of the coal industry during 1949 is the creation of new mining machinery: the Donbass combine, cutting and loading machines, devices making possible complete mechanization of cutting, blasting and loading of coal into conveyors. There has been a 200-percent increase of mining with the aid of these machines during the first 7 months of 1949. Production of combines and cutting and loading machines is constantly increasing in coal mine machine-building plants.

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Krasnyy Flot, No 203, 28 Aug 49

The increased plan for coal mining, established in the second quarter of 1949, was exceeded by the USSR coal industry. During the second quarter of 1949, coal mining increased 13 percent over the second quarter of 1948. The 7-month plan for coal mining was fulfilled 102.8 percent. -- A. Zasyad'ko, Minister of the Coal Industry USSR

Kommunist, No 203, 28 Aug 49

During the second quarter of 1949, coal mining in the USSR coal industry increased 12 percent over the same period of 1948. -- K. I. Pochenkov, Vice Minister of the Coal Industry USSR

TULA COAL BASIN FULFILLS OBLIGATION -- Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 171, 26 Aug 49

Miners of the Tula Coal Basin have exceeded the obligation which they assumed to mine 250,000 tons of coal above the plan by Miner's Day.

Komsomol'skaya Pravda, No 203, 28 Aug 49

Miners of the "Krasnogvardeyskugol'" Trust fulfilled their 9-month quota on 27 August and were the first in the Tula Basin to attain this success. Labor productivity has risen 24.6 percent over the same period of 1948 and considerably exceeds the prewar level. Above-plan accumulations since the beginning of 1949 amount to more than 2 million roubles.

Komsomol'skaya Pravda, No 201, 28 Aug 49

Workers in Mine No 23 of "Bolokhovugol'" Trust in Tula Oblast have already shipped 3,000 tons of the 4,000 tons above-plan which they had resolved to mine by Miner's Day.

CHELJABINSK COAL BASIN SPEEDS OUTPUT -- Komsomol'skaya Pravda, No 200, 25 Aug 49

"Kopsyskugol'" Trust, the outstanding trust in the Chelyabinsk Coal Basin, completed the 8-month plan at the beginning of August, mined tens of thousands of tons of coal above the plan for Miner's Day, and received the Transferable Red Banner of the Council of Ministers USSR.

The success of the trust is due to intensified labor and expert utilization of new technique. The number of powerful, heavy drilling machines, scraper conveyors, and coal-loading machines has increased considerably in the mines of the trust.

Mines No 201, 45, and 46, the best in the trust, have already completed the 9-month plan.

KUZNETSK COAL BASIN MAKES PROGRESS -- Krasnyy Flot, No 203, 28 Aug 49

Twenty-eight mines in the Kuznetsk Coal Basin have already achieved the 1950 mining rate.

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Leninskoye Znamya, No 168, 26 Aug 49

Thousands of miners of "Kemerovugol'" Trust have achieved the level of production set for the last year of the Five-Year Plan. All the trusts of the combine are greatly exceeding the plan.

KARAGANDA BASIN UPS PRODUCTION -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 168, 28 Aug 49

The "Karagandaugol'" Combine achieved the 1950 mining rate in July 1949. The present average daily coal output exceeds the rate provided by the Five-Year Plan and is almost 150 percent higher than the prewar level.

Since the war, the basin's mines have started using the Makarov mine combine, the S-153 loader, the KMP-1 heavy drilling machine, and other machinery. Mine combines, however, are being utilized extremely poorly throughout the basin as a result of the wrong approach to new technology on the part of various administrative officials of mines, trusts, and the combine. Recently, measures were taken to correct this situation, and the number of operating combines has since increased. Electric locomotive rolling stock has increased, and this has provided complete mechanization of hauling.

The rate of mine development work has increased continuously. By the end of the first half of 1949, the average monthly advance of development workings had increased almost 33 percent over 1945.

Despite these achievements, this year many mines and three trusts have not met their plans and the task of increasing the mining and shipping of coking coal is proceeding extremely unsatisfactorily. Although labor productivity has increased over 1948, it has not yet achieved the prewar level.

Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 167, 27 Aug 49

The "Karagandaugol'" Combine considerably exceeded its daily production quotas during August. Over 20 mines of the Karaganda coal basin are now operating at the September level.

The "Leningol'" Trust is one of the leading enterprises of the combine. Miners of this trust fulfilled the 8-month plan for coal mining ahead of schedule and exceeded the 1950 level by several hundred tons. The 8-month plan for mine development was also exceeded. Labor productivity in the mines of this trust increased 14.8 percent over 1948, and the average daily coal output increased 11 percent.

"LENGERUGOL'" TRUST EXCEEDS QUOTA -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 166, 26 Aug 49

The "Lengerugol" Trust in South Kazakhstan has been fulfilling its daily quota more than 150 percent. This is the highest level of coal mining in the history of Lenger.

ANGREN COAL ENTERPRISES IMPROVE -- Pravda Vostoka, No 170, 28 Aug 49

The Tenth Congress of the KP(b) Uzbekistan presented the Angren coal mining enterprises, with the task of doubling the 1948 output of coal during 1949. Insufficient winter preparations, however, led to a setback in the first quarter, when the coal output did not exceed the 1948 level. The situation began to improve in May, and in June, the coal output reached 191 percent of the rate for the same period of 1948. The open-pit workings (head, Didkovskiy, mine director,

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2d rank) was the first enterprise in the "Uzbekugol" Trust to exceed the 1948 level by 110 percent. -- L. Masal'skiy, chief engineer, "Uzbekugol" Trust

Pravda Vostoka, No 170, 28 Aug 49

An affiliate of the Tashkent Mining Technical School has opened in Angren. The affiliate has departments of mine electromechanics and exploitation of coal deposits. Seventy applications have already been received for the 60 vacancies.

KIRGIZ MINES HIT 1950 RATE -- Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, No 169, 28 Aug 49

The Kyzyl-Kiya and Kok-Yangak coal mines, Kirgiz SSR, have achieved the 1950 production rate.

TADZHIK COAL OUTPUT INCREASES -- Kommunist Tadzhikistana, No 169, 28 Aug 49

The Shurab coal mines in Tadzhik SSR have increased coal output more than 30 percent over 1947. Mine No 1/15, however, is the only mine which continually meets and exceeds the plan. Mines No 2 and 10 have been fulfilling monthly plans by only 30 - 40 percent. The main reason for the trust's lag is the slow rate of mechanization. This year, the mines received eight drilling machines, but only one is now in operation. Almost all the rock- and coal-loading machinery lies unused in warehouses. Transport facilities are used far under capacity in Mines No 2, 8 and 10.

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